Numismatic Nightmares, part I

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And just like that, autumn is in full swing and October is upon us. We are also finally getting caught up after our recent New York trip, which saw time split between NYC and upstate. I'll likely be touching upon some aspects of the trip in November's newsletters, but for this month, it's a return to spooky season and the various haunting aspects of exonumia that are reminiscent of this time of year. Both uploads for October will feature ghoulish delights, with pieces displaying skulls and skeletons as a prime—*but not always*—focal point. Also, in a bit of a nod to the eerie aspect of the month, each of these two October uploads will also have one additional new item—"lucky number" 13 rather than just 12. Here are some of this upload's highlights:

SWEDEN. Anders Adolph Retzius silver Medal. Issued 1867. Commemorating the life (1796-1860) of the professor of anatomy. Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences series. By Lea Ahlborn.

GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, CHINA & JAPAN. Satire of Kiauchau bronze Medal. Issued 1914. The Defense of Jiaozhou (Kiauchau/Kiautschou. **PCGS MS-63**.

GERMANY, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN & OTTOMAN EMPIRE. "The Lunatics in Gallipoli" cast bronze Medal. Dated. By Karl Goetz in München. **PCGS MS-61**.

GERMANY, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY & RUSSIA. "Bolshevism" bronze Medal. Issued 1919. "Bolschewismus". By Elisabeth von Esseö.

GERMANY & FRANCE. "The Watch on the Ruhr" cast bronze Medal. Dated 1923. "Die Wacht an der Ruhr". By Karl Goetz in München.

UNITED STATES. "Peace is Life – War is Death" silvered bronze Medal. Dated 1950. By Cecil Howard for the Society of Medalists, and struck by the Medallic Art Co. in New York.

NETHERLANDS. "Looking at Time 2" cast bronze Medal. Issued 1990. By the Auguralis group.

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